



**DATE:** April 4, 2016

**TO:** Mayor Winstead

**FROM:** Bonnie Paulsen

**RE:** Public Health Week Proclamation

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On April 4, the City of Bloomington will proclaim April 4-10, 2016, National Public Health Week. During Public Health Week 2016, the public health community is rallying around the goal of making the United States the Healthiest Nation in One Generation by 2030.

Public Health understands that our health depends on more than being free of disease. If we want to become the healthiest nation in one generation we need to ensure conditions in our communities give everyone an opportunity to be healthy.

The City of Bloomington continues to support:

- Healthy housing, parks and playgrounds and complete streets.
- Safe neighborhoods.
- Increased educational attainment for everyone.
- Policies that protect the health and well-being of the residents of our community.

Bloomington Public Health works in communities with community partners to support health and prevention of diseases. Early prenatal care, immunizations, breastfeeding support and care for seniors are some of the programs we offer to the residents of Bloomington.

A strong public health system helps our City to respond to both everyday health issues as well as unexpected health emergencies. Working alongside partners in our community ensures health equity, which is the foundation for making Bloomington healthier and the United States the Healthiest Nation in One Generation. We are better together.